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REMARKS

After the entry of this Amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 10, 13, 17, and 20 have been allowed. Claims 9, 11-12, 16, and 18-19 have been objected to as depending on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 14 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Claims 6-8, and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Leininger '777. The Examiner asserts that the Leininger patent discloses the invention as set forth in the rejected claims. It is submitted that independent claims 6 and 14 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, claim 6 now recites that the improvement is in a windshield wiper drive system for imparting overlapping butterfly oscillation to a pair of spaced wiped shafts being driven by a non reversing rotary drive motor, while claim 14 recites that the improvement is made in a windshield wiper drive system for imparting overlapping butterfly oscillation to a pair of spaced wiper shafts being driven by a unidirectional rotary drive motor. It is submitted that the Leininger patent discloses the driving means to include an electric or vacuum-operated reciprocating motor as disclosed in column 1, lines 56-57 of that reference. Therefore, it is submitted that the Leininger reference does not anticipate, teach or suggest the improved combination as now recited in claims 6-8 and 14-15. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully

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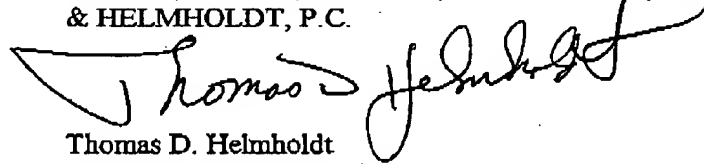
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submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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